Pre-Dental - Fact Sheet

*** This is an overview of the admission requirements for Dental schools. Always double check the Dental programs websites for the specific school’s requirements. This is for general information purposes only.

On-Campus Clubs – see http://wwwp.oakland.edu/csa/ for information on these and additional student organizations
  o Pre-Dental Society
  o P.A.T.C.H (Pre-Professional Association Towards Careers in Health)

Preparation for DAT
These courses will give a foundation. Additional resources and study time will be needed to be successful.

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<td>Biochemistry</td>
<td>BIO 325 or CHM 453</td>
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<td>Physiology</td>
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<td>General CHM</td>
<td>CHM 144 &amp; 147, 145 &amp; 148</td>
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<td>Organic CHM</td>
<td>CHM 234, 235 &amp; 237</td>
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<td>Statistics</td>
<td>STA 225, 226, or 228</td>
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<td>College English</td>
<td>WRT 150 and 160</td>
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Pre-requisite Courses Needed
Major is not important when applying to dental school, only courses completed. Most schools require or recommend a bachelor’s degree before starting their program.

Each dental school has different pre-requisite requirements. It is important to research the schools you are interested in to see what pre-requisites are required. Be mindful of the dental school’s policy on AP, IB, and community college credit.

Possible Additional Pre-requisite Courses:

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<td>Physics</td>
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<td>Microbiology</td>
<td>BIO 319 or 307 or MLS 423</td>
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Recommended not required
Anatomy                BIO 205 & 206
Business               Possible minors in Business or Entrepreneurship

Experiences Examined
Experience working with or shadowing a dentist is required. Strong applicants also have community service and leadership experience.

GPA Needed
Grade of a 2.0 or higher is required in pre-requisite courses and recommended in all science courses.
Note: These are minimums. Dental programs are competitive and the average successful applicant has a much higher GPA (see Admission Stats).

Michigan Dental Schools
University of Michigan   University of Detroit Mercy

Case Western Reserve University  Ohio State University  Indiana University
Marquette University  University of Maryland  Harvard University
University of North Carolina  University of Pennsylvania  Tuft University

DAT Prep Resources
Kaplan  Princeton Review
1-800-KAP-TEST  1-888-955-4600
[www.kaptest.com](http://www.kaptest.com)  [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com)

DAT
The DAT test consists of Survey of the Natural Sciences, Perceptual Ability, Reading Comprehension, and Quantitative Reasoning. It is recommended to have a 20 or higher in each section of the test. To register for and obtain additional information about the DAT, visit the American Dental Association's (ADA) website at [http://www.ada.org/en/education-careers/dental-admission-test/](http://www.ada.org/en/education-careers/dental-admission-test/). (See Application Stats for competitive DAT scores). Take the test when you are most prepared.

Application
A primary application needs to be submitted through Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (AADSAS) at [https://portal.aadsasweb.org/](https://portal.aadsasweb.org/). The application is available from the beginning of June through the beginning of February. Chances are better of getting into a program, if you apply as soon as it opens. See [http://www.adea.org/AADSASapp/Instructions.aspx](http://www.adea.org/AADSASapp/Instructions.aspx) for detailed instructions on how to apply. Apply when you are most competitive.

A supplemental application is also required by some schools, while others require only an additional application fee.

Personal Statement
A personal statement is for you to express your motivation or desire to become a dentist and what makes you unique as an applicant. This statement is sent to all schools you apply to, so you do not want to direct it to a specific school.

For additional help on how to write a personal statement, contact the Writing Center at 248-370-3120 or [http://www.oakland.edu/ouwc](http://www.oakland.edu/ouwc).

Letters of Recommendation (Each school has different requirements. Verify with each individual school for specifics)
Three Letters of Recommendation should be submitted to AADSAS. Two of the letters should to be from science professors and the other from a dentist you have worked with or shadowed. The evaluator will upload the letter, not the students. You do not see the letters, so it is important to obtain letters from individuals you know will write you a good recommendation.

Personal Interview
Personal Interviews are given to the top applicants who meet the requirements. If you are selected for an interview, it is important to have good interview skills. Completion of the Personal Interview does not guarantee admission to the program.

If you need help with interview skills, contact Career Services at 248-370-3250 or [http://www.oakland.edu/careerservices](http://www.oakland.edu/careerservices).
Cost
DAT prep ranges from hundreds to thousands of dollars
DAT - $415
Primary Application - $245 for the first program you apply to. Any additional programs you choose to apply to will cost $93 per school
Supplemental Application/Additional Application fee - $25 to $100 per school

Helpful Websites
AADSAS website - https://portal.aadsasweb.org/
Writing Center at OU - http://www.oakland.edu/ouwc
Career Services at OU - http://www.oakland.edu/careerservices

Admission Stats (The following are a sampling of stats from several Dental schools’ websites. Stats from additional Dental school can be found on their individual websites).

University of Michigan – 2015 Entering Class
Statistics
Number of applications: 1874
Enrolled students: 109
Average GPA: 3.59
Average DAT: 21
Mean Age: 24
Gender: 59% male; 41% female

University of Detroit Mercy (does not list stats, but lists what is needed to be competitive)
No Statistics listed
Minimum GPA of 3.0 is recommended, but 3.5 or higher needed to be competitive
Completable DAT score of 20 or higher in each section

Ohio State University – Class of 2019 Profile
Statistics
Enrolled: 110
Average Total GPA – 3.54
Average Sciences GPA – 3.49
Average DAT: Academic Average 20.2, Perceptual 20.7
Gender: 70 male/ 40 female

Tufts University – Class of 2017
Statistics
Applications: 4293
Enrolled: 194
GPA: 3.43

References
Journal for Pre-Professional Activities

Type of Experience
- Artistic Endeavors
- Community Service/Volunteer – Medical/Clinical
- Community Service/Volunteer – Not Medical/Clinical
- Conferences Attended
- Extracurricular Activities
- Hobbies
- Honor/Awards/Recognitions
- Intercollegiate Athletics
- Leadership – Not Listed Elsewhere
- Military Services
- Paid Employment – Medical/Clinical
- Paid Employment – Not Medical/Clinical
- Physician Shadowing/Clinical Observation
- Presentations/Posters
- Publications
- Research/Lab
- Teaching/Tutoring/Teaching Assistant

Date ________________________________________________________________________________

If Award, type of Recognition __________________________________________________________

Average Hours per week/ Total Hours ___________________________________________________

Location _____________________________________________________________________________

Contact Person:

Name __________________________________________

Title __________________________________________

Email Address and/or phone ________________________

Description (Describe experience or award and what gained/learned from experience or award)

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